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## British Medical Association.

### CURRENT NOTES.

#### Appointments for Demobilized Medical Officers.

In a statement issued by the Central Medical War Committee, and published in the SUPPLEMENT of March 1st, a hopeful view was taken of the prospects of medical officers then about to be demobilized. The opinion was expressed that on their return to civil life they would have little difficulty in finding work, though it might be difficult for them to find just the kind of work they would prefer. Before the war the annual supply of doctors was hardly keeping pace with the times, and in the five years of the war that normal supply had been flowing into the services. Consequently there were, it was believed, many openings in all kinds of practice, and particularly, of course, in general practice. The Committee suggested that men on the look-out for openings should apply to the usual channels—the deans of the medical schools, the columns of the medical journals, and the medical agents. The Committee stated further that it had written in December to all Government departments having medical work at disposal urging that preference should be given, wherever possible, to doctors who had served. The War Office, the Ministry of Pensions, and the Local Government Board all expressed cordial agreement with this principle and promised support. At the same time the Local Medical War Committees were asked to help any man to secure any such work who, on his return, expressed his desire for such, and it was pointed out that vacancies should be made wherever necessary by the retirement of those who had done no service. We have received a letter from Dr. T. B. Sellors (Westcliff-on-Sea) asking how far these expectations have been fulfilled. In the first place it may be noted that the Association asked the various Government departments to make only temporary appointments during the war, and the departments agreed to act on this principle as far as possible, and to urge local authorities over whom they had any control to follow their example. With regard to whole-time appointments the number of vacancies recently announced has been so considerable as to indicate that on the whole the policy desired was carried out, though we have heard of cases where the local profession has had to remind the employing authority and the doctor employed of the temporary nature of the appointment. With regard to appointments of medical referees under the Pensions Ministry, and any military work, the Association had a definite promise from the Pensions Ministry and the War Office that medical men who had served would be held to have the first claim. The Ministry of Pensions some time ago notified all its district commissioners that so soon as they thought all local practitioners had returned from medical service the appointment of medical referee should be thrown open, and this, we are informed, has been done in a number of areas. It is believed that most of the Pensions Boards now contain a majority of men who have served. It is understood that there is shortly to be a general revision of these appointments. Communications with regard to any specific cases should be addressed to the Medical Secretary.

#### Doctors' Motor Cars.

The Medical Secretary frequently receives letters from doctors asking that priority should be given to their orders for cars. It is therefore desirable that members should know exactly what the Association can do in this matter. When the Government priority scheme was in force, the Association succeeded in getting very favourable conditions for doctors; but that scheme is now abolished; the Government will not interfere, saying that doctors must take their chance with the makers along with other purchasers. A few weeks ago the Medical Secretary wrote a letter to the principal motor papers urging manufacturers to give favourable consideration to the orders of doctors, and it is believed that this letter has had a good effect. At any rate, several manufacturers since then, on being approached, have said that they would do what they could on receipt of certain particulars. Any member of the Association who has ordered a car and is experiencing what he considers to be undue delay in its delivery should inform the Medical Secretary of the make of the car, from whom and when it was ordered, and what promise he has had from the makers or from the agent; the Medical Secretary will then do his best to secure favourable consideration by the makers. Members must, however, make full allowance for the difficulties of motor manufacturers, who seem to be having at least as much difficulty as regards output as people in other businesses.

#### Medical Men in Public Life.

With reference to the paragraph published last week concerning medical men in public life, we are informed that Dr. H. N. Baron (Orford), Dr. P. L. Giuseppi (Felixstowe), and Dr. J. M. Taylor (Oulton Broad), all members of the East Suffolk Panel Committee, were elected to the East Suffolk County Council, and that two other members of the medical profession have been co-opted to the Maternity and Child Welfare Subcommittee.

## Association Notices.

### BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

KENT BRANCH: MAIDSTONE DIVISION.—Dr. A. C. Black, Honorary Secretary (Strettit Place, East Peckham, Paddock Wood, Kent), gives notice that a meeting of the Division will be held at the West Kent Hospital on Thursday, September 4th, at 3.15 p.m., when Dr. C. Wilson will give an address on auricular fibrillation and other anomalies of cardiac rhythm.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—Dr. James Don, Honorary Secretary (1, Grove Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne), gives notice that the annual meeting of the North of England Branch will be held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on September 4th.

## INSURANCE.

### NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1919.

THE Ministry of Health has issued a circular directing the attention of employers and others to the fact that by the National Insurance Act, 1919, which has just received the Royal Assent, the limit of remuneration up to which persons employed otherwise than by way of manual labour are liable to compulsory health insurance has been raised from £160 to £250 a year. Employers are accordingly

required for the future to pay health insurance contributions in respect of persons employed by them under a contract of service as follows:

For *non-manual* workers, where the rate of remuneration (including any regular bonus, etc.) does not exceed £250 a year.

For *manual* workers, irrespective of the rate of remuneration.

A non-manual worker whose remuneration is over £160 a year but not over £250 a year may, within a limited period and under certain conditions, claim a certificate of exemption, and on the grant of such a certificate the employer's contributions (3d. a week) are alone payable. Forms of application for exemption will be obtainable shortly at any Post Office.

## *LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.*

### WARWICKSHIRE.

AT the meeting of the newly elected Panel Committee for Warwickshire, held in Coventry on July 30th, Dr. John Orton (Coventry) was re-elected chairman, and Dr. R. Latimer Greene (Stratford-on-Avon) vice-chairman, for the ensuing year. Arrangements were confirmed whereby a sum not exceeding 1½d. should be collected voluntarily from each insurance practitioner for the county towards the expenses of the Panel Committee, and for the making of a substantial contribution towards the National Insurance Defence Trust. The chairman reported with regard to his attendances at the recent conferences of the Association and of the representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees. The question as to the eligibility of a practitioner to charge a fee for performing an operation for appendicitis on his panel patient was raised by the Insurance Committee; a doctor had recommended the operation as an emergency measure, and had performed the operation at the local hospital with the consent of the honorary medical staff. The Panel Committee made no decision as to whether the operation came within the formula as to competence and skill in relation to the patient's best interests, but took the view that in the particular circumstances no fee should be charged by the practitioner, having regard to the general rules and customs of the hospital where the operation was performed. The Panel Committee took the view that the action of the Insurance Committee in vetoing the operation of the new local formulary was entirely *ultra vires*, and decided to make representations to the Ministry of Health.

# Naval and Military Appointments.

### ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following notifications are announced by the Admiralty:—Surgeon Commander J. Chambers, C.M.G., is promoted to the rank of Surgeon Captain. Surgeon Captain E. C. Lomas, C.B., D.S.O., is placed on the retired list (invalided). Surgeon Commander J. Whelan to the *Prince George*. Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders J. McA. Holmes to the *Crescent*, additional for Royal Naval Hospital, Peebles; W. P. Hingston to the *Castor;* D. Loughlin to the *Pembroke*, additional for Osea Island Naval Base; A. B. Fisher to Royal Naval College, Osborne; J. Bourdas to the *Téméraire*. Surgeon Lieutenants (temporary) J. L. Lammard and G. Balsillie to the *Sandhurst;* W. A. Gray to the *Maidstone;* A. Young to the *Inflexible;* A. Craig to the *Warspite*.

### ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonel C. H. Melville, C.M.G., retires on retired pay.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel E. W. P. V. Marriott, D.S.O., retires on retired pay.

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel A. McMunn, O.B.E., relinquishes the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel on reposting.

Majors relinquish the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel on reposting: A. C. H. Gray, O.B.E., C. R. Millar, D.S.O., S. M. W. Meadows, D.S.O. (March 17th, 1919, substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, May 16th, 1919).

Captain N. T. Whitehead, M.C., relinquishes the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel on ceasing to command a medical unit.

The following relinquish the acting rank of Major: Captain and Brevet Major R. E. Barnsley, M.C., Captains L. J. Sheil, M.C., C. H. Brennan, M.C., R. A. Austin, M.C. Temporary Captains: W. Haward, J. V. Grant, M. R. Mackay, M.C., W. T. Hessel, J. S. Stewart, A. C. B. McMurtrie, M.C., R. J. Vernon, H. M. Vickers, I. Jones, L. M. Smith, G. Jackson, G. E. Neligan, M.C., J. F. McG. Sloan, M.C., J. McDonnell, M.C., M. A. Power, M.C., L. G. McCune, C. G. McAdam, F. W. Wesley, O.B.E., T. M. Crawford, T. E. Amyot.

Temporary Captain K. B. Dickson to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst commanding a medical unit from January 10th to February 22nd, 1919.

To be acting Majors: Captains F. W. Matheson, W. E. Adam, M.C. Temporary Captains S. Stockman, R. S. S. Statham, R. E. H. Leach, P. P. J. Stewart, C. E. Walker.

Captain A. G. Harsant, from S.R., to be Lieutenant and to be temporary Captain, November 2nd, 1916, but not to reckon for pay or allowances prior to August 1st, 1919, with precedence next below W. M. Cameron.

Captain D. H. C. MacArthur relinquishes the acting rank of Major (March 17th, substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, June 27th).

To be Captains, but not to draw pay or allowances prior to July 1st, 1919, with precedence as indicated:—Captain R. H. Graham from S.R., April 1st, 1919, next below M. B. King. Temporary Captains: R. N. Porritt, November 28th, 1918, next below L. W. Evans; A. R. Oram, M.C., May 10th, 1919, next below L. S. C. Roche.

The following Captains from the T.F. to be Captains, but not to reckon for pay or allowances prior to August 1st, 1919: G. F. Carr, M.C., June 11th, 1918, next below M. P. Power; C. M. Gozney, M.C., July 1st, 1918, next below S. Robertson.

Temporary Captain J. McP. MacKinnon to be Lieutenant, and to be temporary Captain, January 25th, 1919, but not to reckon for pay or allowances prior to July 1st, 1919, with precedence next below J. D. A. Champney.

The notifications in the *London Gazette* of May 22nd and July 5th, 1919, regarding temporary Captain (acting Major) H. C. Watson are cancelled, as is also that regarding temporary Captain W. J. Woodman published in the *London Gazette* of July 2nd.

The notifications in the *London Gazette*, June 28th, 1919, regarding temporary Captains E. E. Frazer and F. J. Wheeler are cancelled.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: J. Paxton, V. D. Pennefather, G. S. Livingston, N. B. Benjafield, J. McClellan, A. P. Mitchell, G. H. Dart, J. C. Warwick, A. E. Hodgkins, E. H. Milson.

Temporary Lieutenant J. E. Rea to be Lieutenant, October 3rd, 1918, but not to reckon for pay or allowances prior to August 1st, 1919, with precedence next below C. A. Whitfield.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Major (acting Lieut.-Colonel) B. R. Bickford, D.S.O. (Staff Surgeon R.N.), relinquishes his commission on ceasing to be employed.

Captain T. E. Mulvany relinquishes his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service, and is permitted to retain his rank.

Transferred to the unemployed list: Major C. F. Bainbridge; Captains R. Hall and K. B. Aickman; Lieutenant N. Homewood.

Lieutenants to be Captains: C. T. Costello, G. M. Mellor, H. C. Cox, G. Meadows, L. C. Broughton-Head, H. B. Troup, H. T. Prys-Jones, J. Coulter-Smith, R. Mugliston, P. E. Williams, C. Lambrinudi, A. Kirkhope, P. M. Carroll, J. P. Horsford, A. K. Soutar, G. Dunderdale, J. P. Hennessey, G. W. Harbottle, M. J. Whelton, J. Valerie, J. P. Wells, A. St. J. Hennessey, G. W. J. Bonsfield.

### TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel (acting Colonel) F. W. Higgs, C.B.E., relinquishes the acting rank of Colonel on vacating the appointment of A.D.M.S.

Lieut.-Colonel G. C. Taylor, O.B.E., vacates the appointment of D.A.D.M.S.

Lieut.-Colonel R. Emmett relinquishes his commission on account of ill health and retains the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Captain (acting Major) M. B. G. Sinnette relinquishes the acting rank of Major on vacating the appointment of D.A.D.M.S.

## APPOINTMENTS.

BARLING, Seymour, C.M.G., M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S., Honorary Surgeon to the General Hospital, Birmingham.

DICK, Maxwell, M.B., B.S., Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act for County Court Circuit No. 38, and to be attached more particularly to the Grays Thurrock and Southend County Courts.

HARDY, T. Lionel, M.B.Cantab, M R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Physician to the General Hospital, Birmingham.

NICHOLSON, Ruth, M.B., B.S., B.Hy.Dunelm, Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Samaritan Hospital for Women, Liverpool.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—The following appointments have been made:—Casualty Officers and Resident Anaesthetists: J. W. Wayte, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Ext.); E. N. Showell Rogers, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; A. H. J. Smart, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; E. P. Brockman, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; E. E. Carter, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; F. Moor, M.C., M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; R. A. W. Procter, M.C., M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Resident House-Physicians: J. Forest Smith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; S. E. Amos (Ext.); C. Y. Eccles, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; A. E. Thomas, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon. (Ext.) Resident House-Surgeons: W. E. Le Gros Clark, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Ext.); N. A. Sprott, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Ext.); J. P. S. Walker, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon.; L. G. Higgins, M.B., B.Ch.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L R C P. (Ext.). House-Surgeon to Block 8: J. F. Ryan, M.R C.S., L.R.C.P. Obstetric House-Physicians: A. F. Potter, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; W. G. Bigger, D.S.O., B.A., M.B., B.Ch Cantab., M R C.S, L.R.C.P. Ophthalmic House-Surgeons: D. McM. Dickson, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; H. L. Evans, B.A.Cantab., M R.C.S, L.R.C.P. Clinical Assistants (Throat): F. Porter Smith, M R C.S., L.R.C.P. (Ext.); (Children's Medical) A. Viney, M R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Ext.).

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—J. Ferguson, M.D.Durh., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Manchester (South-East) District, co. Lancaster; Dr. M. F. Lavin, Ballymore Eustace District, co. Kildare; W. H. Rees-Thomas, M.D.Brux., M R C S., L.R.C.P., Basingstoke District, co. Hants.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

*The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is* **6s.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

### DEATH.

SPOONER.—On August 9th, 1919, at his residence, The Gables, West Kirby, Cheshire, William Spooner, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., in his 81st year.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE, Mile End.—Wednesday, 4.15 p.m., Intermittent Blood Infections and their Relation to General Medicine, by Frank Kidd, F.R.C.S.

## DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

| Date. | Meetings to be Held. |
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| | SEPTEMBER. |
| 4 Thur. | Maidstone Division: West Kent Hospital, 3.15 p.m. North of England Branch: Annual Meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne. |
| 6 Sat. | Scottish Committee: North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh, 2.30 p.m. |
| 19 Fri. | London: Parliamentary Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m. |

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